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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Domestic Collection Division  
VIA : Deputy Director for Operations  
FROM :   
Recorder, Honor and Merit Awards Board  
SUBJECT : Certificate of Distinction  
Mr. James C. Pye

The Honor and Merit Awards Board is pleased to notify you that the Certificate of Distinction has been approved for Mr. James C. Pye in recognition of his career contributions to this Agency. You are requested to inform him of the award and of the security provisions governing it as set forth in the attached memorandum from the Office of Security. Arrangements for presentation may be made with the Executive Secretary, Honor and Merit Awards Board, extension  room  Headquarters.



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RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOR OR MERIT AWARD

(Submit in triplicate - see HR 20-37)

SECTION A

1. EMPLOYEE NO.  	2. NAME OF PERSON RECOMMENDED (Last, First, Middle)  PYE, James C.	3. POSITION TITLE Intelligence Officer
4. GRADE GS-13	5. SD DTD	6. OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT DCD, e Certificate of Distinction
7. RECOMMENDED AWARD	8. INCLUSIVE DATES FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED 1951 - 1978	9. IF RETIRING, DATE OF RETIREMENT March 1978
10. POSTHUMOUS YES XX NO	11. HOME ADDRESS St. George Street Duxbury, Mass. 02332	12. HOME PHONE 617-934-5715

SECTION B

LIST ANY PERSONNEL GIVEN AN AWARD OR RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD WHO ASSISTED IN THE ACT OR PARTICIPATED IN THE PERFORMANCE.

13. FULL NAME	14. TYPE OF AWARD

SECTION C

ATTACH NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF PERFORMANCE OR SERVICE WARRANTING AWARD, ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND A PROPOSED, UNCLASSIFIED CITATION.

1. Attached narrative description of performance.
2. Attached proposed citation.

SECTION D

15. TITLE AND SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE MAKING RECOMMENDATION  Chief, Domestic Collection Division	DATE 16 January 1978
16. HEAD OF <u>D</u> CAREER SERVICE (Career service of nominee)	TITLE AND SIGNATURE See Item 18.
17. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICE	TITLE AND SIGNATURE See Item 18.
18. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATING COMPONENT	TITLE AND SIGNATURE Deputy Director for Operations

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Section C

On the occasion of Mr. James Pye's retirement it is strongly recommended that he be awarded the Certificate of Distinction for his many years of able representation of the Central Intelligence Agency in the [ ] area, his allegiance to the mission of the Agency, and the genuinely solid contributions he has made to the foreign intelligence reporting mission of the Domestic Collection Division.

Unquestionably Mr. Pye's long association with certain contacts, particularly in an [ ] [ ] that at some levels has serious reservations about a relationship of any kind with a secret intelligence service, has had the most significant positive effect. Without this past relationship with Mr. Pye, a man of integrity and decency, it can be persuasively argued that the Agency's position with respect to [ ] in particular would have been severely undermined. There is very much a personal dimension in the relationship that DCD representatives have [ ] [ ] Particularly in today's uncertain environment, it is men with the human qualities of Mr. Pye who make a lasting favorable impression on would-be critics and diffuse unjustified attacks on the Agency, thus enabling us to carry on with our mission. It is perhaps difficult to document conclusively that assertion, but it is a role that Mr. Pye has played and without question it has had the effect suggested.

During the many years he has been in Boston, Mr. Pye has made a number of genuinely significant contributions to the foreign intelligence reporting mission of this Division. But there is one series of reports that was enormously important. Because of the close relationship Mr. Pye had established with an important member of the [ ] he provided advance information on a collection opportunity to the White House, this Agency and the Pentagon. Thus Washington's response was coordinated and it was in a position to acquire information of national-level significance to among other things, the then hotly debated issue [ ] More recently, Mr. Pye has made substantial contributions to a priority collection project of this Division [ ] [ ] There are other examples that could be cited, but that is unnecessary. It is clear that what he has done he has done extremely well.

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